

SENATE BILL 2048

By Ford

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2 and Title 8, relative to civil penalties assessed by the registry of election finance.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-10-110(c), is amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision (4):

(4) Notwithstanding the requirements of this subsection (c), if the registry has assessed a civil penalty in an amount in excess of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) against a candidate, the registry shall permit the candidate to make installment payments on the amount due in an amount mutually agreed upon by the registry and the candidate. So long as the candidate continues to make payments in accordance with the agreement, the candidate shall be permitted to qualify to run for office; provided, that if at any time after the qualifying deadline while payments continue to be due and owing the candidate fails to make payments in accordance with the agreement, ouster proceedings shall be filed against the candidate and if the candidate is ousted from office, such candidate shall forever be barred from qualifying to run for or hold public office in this state.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.